

Quakerphernalia

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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AUGUST 2016

- Aug 6 10am-noon Annual Hiroshima Peace Vigil - Doylestown
Aug 6 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse - All are Welcome!
Aug 8 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse
Aug 15 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
Ag 20 5:30pm Movie Night and Pot Luck Dinner - Middletown Meetinghouse
Aug 21 Quarterly Meeting - Doylestown Meetinghouse
Aug 21-27 PYM Young Friends Gathering at Camp Onas

Looking Ahead

- Sept 10 8am-3pm Yardley Meeting's Autumn Market (rain date Sept 17)
Sept 16 3pm Set Up for Bucks Quarter Peace Fair - Your help will be appreciated and you will be fed!
Sept 17 10:30am-4pm Bucks Quarter Peace Fair
Sept 24 11am-5pm PYM Social Justice and Spirituality Thread Gathering - Swarthmore Meetinghouse
Nov 20 Quarterly Meeting at Lehigh Valley

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

August ~ Doylestown September ~ Fallsington October ~ Middletown
Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

**Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business ~ August 21
Doylestown Friends Meetinghouse - 95 East Oakland Ave, Doylestown
Don't Forget your Donations to Friendly Crafters and Your Money!**

Schedule of Events:

9-9:45 Registration, coffee, tea, and breakfast treats (greeters with local maps will give directions to nearby parking lots and help anyone who needs assistance into the meetinghouse)

9:45-10:45 Meeting for Worship (children included for first 15 minutes).

10-12:00 Children's program: Doylestown Friends have secured the use of the pavilion at Burpee Park, a 5 minute walk from the meetinghouse. There are picnic tables, a water fountain, & a bathroom. Children will be introduced to Native American sign language; origin stories; running, laughing, & silence games; & crafts.

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee/tea break

11:00 to Noon Casting Light on a Painful History: Truth, Healing, and Change

The time has come for non-native America to learn the truth about our history with Native Americans. Friend Arla Patch spent 3 and a half years working on the first Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the United States for what happened to native children in the child welfare system in Maine. She will share an overview of this history, the involvement of Friends, and the new research by Friend Paula Palmer about the role of early Quakers in the Boarding School era. Everyone deserves to know what we weren't taught in school.

Noon to 1:00 Brown Bag Lunch - Beverages Provided

1-3:00 Meeting for Business (childcare provided)

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Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,
Boris Simkovich, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting. boris@simkovich.com

BUCKS QUARTER PEACE FAIR

Collect your unwanted books and donate them to the book sale The Peace Fair

To volunteer for pre-fair set up go to

SET-UP (Thursday and Friday):

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084baca722abfc1-2016>

To volunteer for the DAY OF THE FAIR go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084baca722abfc1-peace2>

The 17th Annual Bucks Quarter Peace Fair, will be held on **Saturday, September 17th from 10:30am to 4pm**, on the grounds of Buckingham Meeting - 5684 Old York Rd, Lahaska. The Peace Fair has been providing a family-friendly atmosphere where adults and children can learn how to promote peaceful relations in their their lives. Organizations with peace and social justice missions will be on hand to share information and to answer your questions. There will also be dozens of local artisans and live music throughout the day. For the kids there will be non-competitive fun; A human-powered peace train, fish pond, beanbag toss, face painting. Food including hamburgers, organic hot dogs, and veggie options.

HIROSHIMA PEACE VIGIL IN DOYLESTOWN

The Peace & Social Concerns committee of Doylestown Friends Meeting will hold their annual Hiroshima Day peace vigil on **Saturday, August 6, 10AM-noon** on the corner of State & Main Streets in Doylestown. All Friends are invited to participate. Doylestown Friends have banners that they will display, and the first day school's summer students will be making origami peace cranes to hand out to passers-by.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT AT MIDDLETOWN

Friends and families are welcome to join Middletown Friends on August 20th for a pot luck meal and movie night. Meal starts at 5:30 and the movie at 6:30.

All movies are family friendly.
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YARDLEY MEETING JOB OPPORTUNITY FIRST DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

- Are you looking for a way to put your Quaker Faith into Practice?
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- Do you a few hours on Sunday morning to spare?

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www.yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

GAMES NIGHT SUMMER SERIES AT MAKEFIELD FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

Are you looking for some fun activities during the summer months? Don't forget about Games Night at Makefield.

The fun starts at 6 pm and goes until 9 pm, but you can come and go any time you wish. Soft pretzels, homemade popcorn, and beverages will be provided.

Bring your F(f)riends and, if you wish, your favorite board game, puzzle, or outdoor game and join the fun.

We hope to see you there!

For more information, please call (215) 493-1147 or email us at info@makefieldfriendsmeeting.org.

FROM BETHANN MORGAN ON HER RECENT EXPERIENCE AT CHANDLER HALL

As part of Buckingham meeting's commitment to our beloved community, I had the pleasure of sharing worship services at Chandler Hall this past Sunday. To my surprise and delight I worshipped with Vi Devlin, who is currently residing in the Hicks building, but was one of my role models when I was a young Quaker attending Falls Meeting. We so enjoyed reconnecting and sharing some spiritual refreshment that I had to send this account into Quakerphernalia. I hope other Friends in our Quarter take the time & opportunity to stay connected with our fellow Quakers who live at Chandler Hall, Friends Village, Pennswood Village or any other supportive community; it is good all around.

YOGA CLASSES

AT NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Weekly Yoga classes are held at the Newtown meetinghouse on Saturdays at 8:30am with Jim Whitmoyer, who has over 11 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although a small donation to the meetinghouse is humbly requested.

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WORSHIP AT CHANDLER HALL

For decades members and attenders of Bucks Quarter have supported the Quaker worship services on Sundays at Chandler Hall. At first Friends retiring to Chandler Hall were younger and more aware of their surroundings. People are now entering Chandler Hall farther along in their life's journey. It is difficult at times to see how your being there for worship serves a purpose for the residents or for you. **It does.** Not everyone is comfortable around old people and that's ok. Not everyone from the quarter is being asked to help. Only two people each Sunday during your meetings designated month. You can just show up, you need not notify someone "in charge". The three-month schedule has always been on the front cover of Quakerphernalia. Moving forward eight of the issues will list the full year's schedule (below)

So you want to know what to do, where and when to go and how long you will be there?

Number of people: Just one or two

Time: 11:00 – 11:30 - *arrive approximately 10:50*

Location: Main building Adult Day/Program Center
Sign in with receptionist

Suggested program:

*Silence

*Message/reading (bring whatever moves your soul)

*Song (residents with memory issues enjoy hearing songs)

*Repeat (as often as time allows)

Song books are provided

Instrumental CD accompaniment is available

Musical instruments are welcome (the piano is no longer available)

Children's programs welcome (FDS). The residents love when children visit.

Any questions or concerns, contact Kathleen Parry - Chandler Hall Volunteer and member of Middletown Meeting - 215-620-6645

**Chandler Hall
Worship Schedule**
August - Doylestown
September - Fallsington
October - Middletown
November - Newtown
December – Solebury
2017
January – Wrightstown
February – Yardley
March – Buckingham
April – Doylestown
May – Fallsington
June – Middletown
July - Newtown

This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in May at Doylestown Meeting for consideration. The unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site www.quakersbucks.org

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting - May 15, 2016 - Held at Fallsington Meeting

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

Agenda reviewed and approved.

Roll Call of Meeting: Bristol: 2, Buckingham: 3, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 2, Lehigh Valley: 3, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 5, Newtown: 5, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 0, Southampton: 1, Wrightstown: 2, Yardley: 3

Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2016 reviewed and approved.

Stories of Vitality and Growth shared:

- Southampton has offered the use of the Meeting to a group which helps refugees with citizenship classes
- Middletown: Is busy with Movie Nights and a benefit car wash this month organized by the children for a small parochial school in Camden.

Vitality and growth cont'.

- Fallsington Meeting hosted a Elizabeth Von Trapp concert at the Meetinghouse with over 150 persons present. Sallie Gordon was welcomed as a new member.
- Buckingham dedicated the Margaret Richie memorial tree
- Lehigh Valley Retreat at Spruce Lake in the Poconos gathered over sixty Friends for the weekend.
- Ad Hoc Group to Support Small Meetings has continued its work with meetings.
- Makefield Games Night had been attracting new members from the Quarter and Community.

Report of the Coordinator of the Quarter given by Holly Olson. Inreach portion gave accounts of Games Night, Caregiver Training, updated on Grange Fair/Peace Fair changes, Newtown Meeting's Book Club, Quaker Woman's Social Hour and Kellie-Schlussel-Edens' farewell party. Outreach reports included Quakerism in a Nutshell, upcoming workshops on Mass Incarceration, PYM Continuing Sessions, and an Interfaith Coalition to Adopt a Syrian Refugee Family.

Lehigh Valley MM Annual Report read by Rick Dow. "A rich and meaningful" meeting for worship continues to be center of spiritual life and community with many activities noted that express the strength of the community.

Quaker School at Horsham Annual Report given by the new Head of School Alex Brosowsky. Alex reviewed the fundamental purpose for the founding of the school. This purpose remains the same however the students come to TQS. The type of student and their needs has changed over time. Student enrollment has increased 25% this past year. A continuing challenge is to find ways to continue the services that their students need as they transition into High School.

Buckingham Annual Report given by Bethann Morgan. Bethann noted that good inreach creates a welcoming environment which results in more effective outreach. As with most meetings, they struggle with time and energy. Having a Friends School on property is both a blessing and an "opportunity".

Chandler Hall Annual Report given by Betsy Bayardi, Board Member. A new program, called "Try for 30 days" which suspends long term commitment for 30 days has become a good source of conversion from Trial to long term care. She spoke of the board's difficult decision to close down the Child Care and indicated that they are working to find a solution.

Membership Development Support Fund of PYM announcement given by Kelly Schlussel-Edens. MDSF not been meeting because they have not been getting requests for funds. Money is available for short term projects of \$500 and long term of \$5000.

Bristol Annual Report given by Paul Shaffer. Meeting is small and a decline in attendance has resulted in Meeting for Worship only held on the day of Business Meeting. They are looking forward to meeting with the *Clerk's Committee on Small Meetings* to find ways to revitalize and grow the meeting. Paul described an outreach idea which has received a positive response from the local community and would involve the creation of a disk golf course in Bristol.

Treasurers Report and FY 16-17 Proposed Budget presented by Ed Snyder. Ed reviewed the Profit and Loss report through March 2016 and reported that we are about where we want to be at this point in the fiscal year reported and that our budget should be in balance at the end of the fiscal year. Betsy Bayardi joined him for a review of the FY 16-17 proposed budget. After a review and explanation of changes in income and expenses from the current budget, the Clerk asked for approval. **BQM Budget FY 16-17 approved as presented.**

Fallsington Annual Report given by Amy Ward Brimmer for Jonathan Snipes. Meeting is engaging in Outreach though hosting events and making connection with other groups. Inreach fun times together include contra dance, singing, Friendly Eights, and lunch together after meeting. Social activism also plays an important part in meeting.

Oversight Committee for the Coordinator Annual Report given by David Rose. The committee expressed appreciation to the Quarter for the support given to Holly Olson during a trying time this past summer. Quarter Clerk followed up the report with the observation that the health of the Quarter is expressed in the involvement of Friends in the work of the Quarter, especially through Budget and Nominating, Oversight Committee, and Clerk's meeting.

Following announcements, Quarterly Meeting closed with a period of silence at 3:10 pm.

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